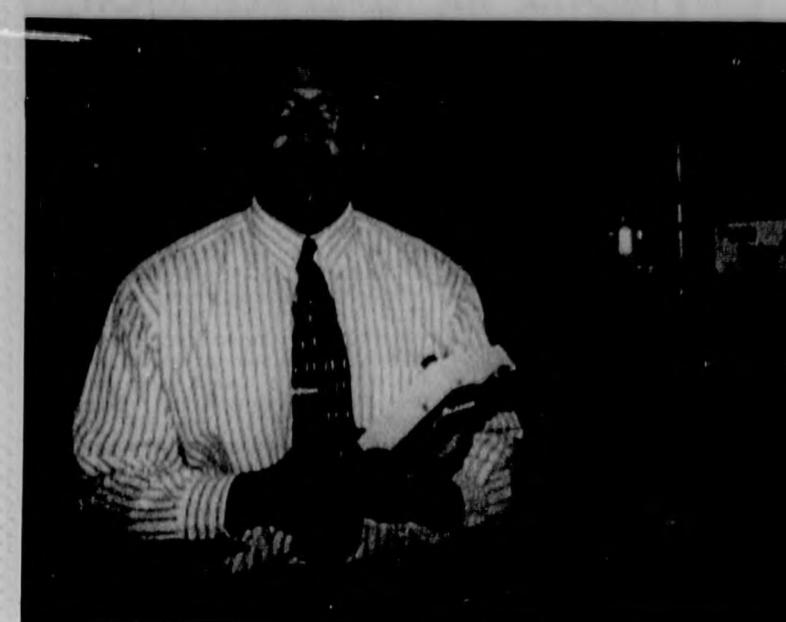


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Jackie Woods, welding instructor at MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, as been named Outstanding Welding Educator for District 9 of the American Welding Society.

He was presented the award at the district conference May 9 in Mobile.

Woods is a certified welding in-

spector and a certified welder in all

welding phase of various organiza-

tions.

Since earning his welding diploma at MacArthur, Woods has earned A.S., B.S. and Masters degrees and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Auburn University.

MacArthur interim president Wayne Bennett said that during the 16 years Mr. Woods has served as welding instructor at MacArthur, "he has committed himself to self-improvement, the enhancement of

his program, and the development of each person fortunate enough to be his student."

Woods and his wife Beverly are members of the First United Baptist Church in Andalusia.

Heart of Dixie to host End of Summer Festival

Heart of Dixie Bluegrass will host an End of Summer Bluegrass Festival Aug. 22 and 23.

Featured artists will be Grand Ole Opry star Mac Wiseman; J.D. Crowe and Showtime.

Showtimes are Friday, 6-11, and Saturday 12 Noon until 11 p.m.

Prices are advance weekend tickets - \$24.00; Friday - \$12; Saturday - \$16; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by a parent.

For reservations, camping or for tickets call 1-800-695-6830, Ext. 69, Roger or Pat Booth.



VISITORS KILL LARGE RATTLER Kevin Howard, holding the dead snake, killed this 15 inch rattlesnake Monday afternoon in the road near Elba Country Club. Howard, who lives in Virginia and works in Washington, D.C., was visiting his son Kyle Howard of Elba. Pictured above are Kevin's wife Marlan, daughter Lauren, Kevin, daughter Lindsey and sister Kelley McElroy, holding her son Kyle and also Kelley's daughter Nikki. The McElroys are enroute to their new home in Australia, where husband and father is awaiting their arrival without the rattlesnake!

Foggy Bottom Pageant set for September 6

The first Foggy Bottom Pageant is set for Saturday, Sept. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium (behind the old Elba High School).

The pageant will be held in conjunction with the first Foggy Bottom Festival.

There will be six age divisions: Tiny Tot - Ages 2-4 Little Miss - K- grade 3 Mini Miss - Grades 4-6 Jr. Miss - Grades 7-9 Sr. Miss - Grades 10-12 Miss Foggy Bottom - College

Each contestant will wear count-

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BROOMS & ASSISTANTS SIFT THROUGH THE SOIL

The world is full of surprises, both large and those not so large. After writing last week about the smoking ordinance under consideration by the Elba city council, we expected to hear complaints from dedicated smokers. Just the opposite was true. We didn't hear a single complaint from smokers. The only comments were from those who continue to complain about their thoughtless co-workers who consistently blow secondhand smoke into their face.

The Alabama Legislature is back in Montgomery ... hold on to your pocketbook! Governor James called them back because he had vetoed the first general fund and education budgets they had passed for the fiscal year beginning October 1st. There was a lot of special project monies in those, as in other budgets from past years. Lawmakers have gotten more creative with their ways of disingiking the pork funds, even as watchdogs get better at finding the secret hiding places. Governor Fob wants it cut out ... maybe they will cut it back a little. Actually, the voting had a real benefit, that even the governor wasn't aware of at the time. Tax experts are presently predicting a lower tax income than earlier expected. Now lawmakers can lower the budget and maybe prevent proration at the end of the year.

In case *Elba Clipper* readers are looking for something to get excited about ... well President Bill Clinton is on a three week vacation! One friend got so excited over that bit of news, he was speechless for a full minute. Actually, people in that position never get a "real" vacation. They take what is called "working vacations" in which they play a lot of golf, fish often and have aides running after them with a stack of papers for the executive to sign. These aides are also constantly handing them detailed reports on what is going on in Washington and around the world and telling them what they should and/or do about it.

The UPS strike is apparently over. Both management and union leaders are threatening their closest over the good deal which was cut. When the drivers sat down, they were to be realistic and see how well the working grants fared in this saga. The workers not on express mail unit and management folks, were the ones this was supposed to be about and the question is did they gain enough benefits to justify the loss of almost three weeks pay? This is not really any of our business, but some of those drivers are personal friends and our interest sprouts from concern for their continued welfare.

We read about this guy in Birmingham who has invented a sure fire, very effective snake trap! It consists of a cardboard box with a strip of special glue inside to stick the snakes. This sounds almost too good to be true, but they were even displaying a picture of the system. Even the snake lovers can't complain about this deal, because the glue which catches the snake can be dissolved by pouring vegetable oil on it. The snake can then be released somewhere away from the house, garage or wherever it was caught. Personally, those rattlers, and other poisonous vipers, would never have another chance if caught in our trap!

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 11 Thru AUGUST 17, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 11, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one auto break-in, two auto thefts, one criminal trespass, three thefts of property, one criminal mischief, one hit and run (vehicle).

Arrests made during the week include: one for VPL, one for harassment, one for assault, one for failure to appear, one for burglary.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, one for passing in a no-passing zone, two for running a red light, one for running a stop sign, one for no driver's license, and one for driving without a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 - River stage - no report; Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire on Adams St. (8:45 a.m.); Burglary reported at Headstart (8:37 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (5:37 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87N (3:32 a.m.); Fire and rescue units dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (3:32 a.m.); River stage - 3.40 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (6:45 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84E (8:32 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 - River stage - 3.04 feet (6:58 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Riverview Dr. (7:41 p.m.); Routine activity.

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itors should funding be made available.

Other matters of business addressed by the board were as follows:

***Agreed to give the town of Kinman approximately three-tenths an acre for a rural development water grant.

***Approved the adoption of the Parent Student Information Guide.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 12, 1997 through August 18, 1997. They are: Allen Johnson, Elvyn Thomas, Ethel Abercrombie, Clifford Allen, Zeb Scott, U. V. McDaniel, Elaine Thomas, Dorothy Hermansier, Thelma Scott, Shirley Mount, Gladys Mincey, Bonnie Dean, June White, Charles Martin, John McKenzie, Margaret Lorraine, Audrey Crowe, Margaret Williams, John Jackson, Viria Fuller, Deanna Harbuck, Jimmy Johnson, Howard Harper, Robert Belcher, Ethlyn Bradshaw, John McKenzie, Stacey Austin, Tommy Weeks, John Kimmy, Joseph Goldstein, and Bryan Johnson.

Discharges during the same period of time were: Houston Bedsole, Todd Horstead, Margaret Waters, Minnie Padgett, Robert Belcher, Dorothy Hermansier, Betty Sams, Anna Bell, Elaine Thomas, Patricia Johnson, Mavis Legear, Shirley Mount, Gladys Brooks, Ethlyn Bradshaw, Ethlyn Bradshaw, John Johnson, Stacey Austin, Audrey Crowe, Thelma Scott, Allen Johnson, Margaret Williams, Gladys Mincey, June White, Clifford Allen, Bonnie Dean, Charles Marler, John McKenzie, U. V. McDaniel, Zeb Scott, Viria Fuller, Ethlyn Bradshaw, Joseph Golden, John Kimmy, and Jimmy Johnson.

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Social and Community News**Adkison-Heilbron wedding planned for August 23rd**

Misty Smart on the right, for example, the newest person in her division. The trophy on the left is a Team Participation Trophy. She also won heat ribbons including one for first place.

Although Misty has been swimming since about age 3, this was the first year she has participated in one of the meets. Swimming is a popular sport in that area, having about 19 teams in the vicinity. The team coach's motto is "Swimmers are clean kids."

Proud grandparents are Paul and Edna Smart and Tom and Lucile Sexton, all of Elba.

NEW ARRIVAL

AARON SCOTT ROBERTS

Hobson, Tina and Marc Roberts, along with parents Tate and Russ Roberts of Chelsea, AL, welcomed the arrival of Aaron Scott Roberts, August 6, 1997, at 7:44 a.m.

Aaron weighed 8 lbs and 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the grandson of Charlotte and Richard Hobson of Elba and Connie Roberts of Eclectic. His great grandmother is Mrs. Annie L. Hobson, Laurel MS.

**Garrett Dunn celebrates 3rd birthday**

Miss Markell Adkison will become the bride of Mr. James Heilbron Saturday, Aug. 23, at seven o'clock in the evening at Auburn United Methodist Church, 220 East

After the ceremony, a reception will be held at The Heritage House on 714 Second Avenue in Opelika.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Garrett Dunn celebrates 3rd birthday

Garrett Dunn celebrated his 3rd birthday on Saturday, July 19 with a party at the home of his parents, Troy and Jill Dunn and sister Peyton.

His party theme was road construction. Decorations included a "Dirt Cake" topped with mini construction vehicles, road signs and caution cones. Yellow, black and red balloons and cars were used to make driving to the room.

Those helping him celebrate were: Mable Lee, Morgan and Dina Matthews, Pam Smith, DeAnn Smith, Martha Davis "MeMe", Doc and Erin Myers, Stacey Parker, Rachel and Mike Parker, Jessica, Brian, and Anna, Jessie Windham, Sydney Williamson, Ashley Horton, Amy and Whitney Rugg. Grandparents: Jackie and Charlotte Windham, Doug Dunn, Great grandparents: William and Carolyn Colvin and Jack and Jessie Windham.

The Dunn's great-grandparents are: Roy Riles of Elba, Ala., and Mrs. Maudie Barr of Phenix City.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McLendon of Ozark announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Wyndi Tucker McLendon, to Brian Heath Whatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Whatley of Echo, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Adelle Tucker and the late William H. Tucker of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle McLendon.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Rita Belkey and the late Roy Riles of Elba, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Maudie Barr of Phenix City.

He is a 1992 graduate of G.W. Long High School and is currently attending Wallace College in Dothan. She is working toward a degree in Nursing and is employed by Center Drugs.

The bride's mother is the granddaughter of Mrs. Adelle Tucker and the late William H. Tucker of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle McLendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker Whatley of Echo, Ala.

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The 114th Founders Day of The
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Assn. will be Sunday, August 24, 1997 at
7:00 p.m., at the Mulberry
Association Education Building, on
Hwy. 84 (old 166) Elba, AL.

Theme: Review of the Past and
Project the Future. Rev. Dr. Clinton
Groves, Choir will render.
The Union Grove Choir will render.
The seniors met at the Mustard Seed
Foundation and had a time of fellowship, played games, and enjoyed a lunch. Those present at the
lunch were: Mary Suevey, Dorothy
Nell Crayley, Diane Hudson, Mattie
Lou Goodson, Margie Smith, Louise
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There were several of the members
missing due to sickness. The
seniors request prayer for all the seniors
who were out sick.

The Foundation invite other seniors to
come and join the fellowship. They
meet every Wednesday at about
10:00 am. The Foundation is located
in the Victoria Community on Coffe
County #211.

For more information about the
senior group call 897-6647 or 735-
2456.

Re'Nita Na Tessa Brooks

I'm 8"

Re'Nita Na Tessa Brooks, the
daughter of Wiley and Juanita
Brooks of Enterprise, celebrated her
8th birthday, Saturday, August
16, 1997. She was treated with a day
out at a restaurant in Dothan, AL.
She received gifts and a lot of
green."

Re'Nita is in the 3rd grade at
Holly Hill and her teacher is Mrs.
Bowdon. She has one brother, Mr.
Wiley "Dee" Nard who is in the 5th
grade.

Re'Nita's grandparents are: Ella
M. Brooks of Enterprise and Grover and
Erla Belcher of Elba.

Re'Nita said, "Yes, I'm 8 but I
would like to be 9 if you want me to". Happy
birthday, "Lil' Nite".

Pre-Homcoming Program: The
Indians of Enterprise, AL, August
23, 1997 at the Enterprise Civic
Center 4:00 p.m.(doors open at 3:00
p.m.)

Theme: Sing Fourth The Honor of His Name: Make His Praise Glorious-Psalms 66-2nd.

In Charge: The Loving Sisters;
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Mustard Seed Foundation News

Coffee County Schools Menu Aug. 25 - 29, 1997

BREAKFAST		LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Toast	Cereal, Juice, Milk	Pizza Burger or Fish Nuggets, Steamed Cabbage, Canned Fruit, Whole White Potatoes, Grilled, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast	Sausage, Cereal	Chicken Stir Fry or Hamburger Sticks, Syrup, Cereal
Wednesday - Pancake	Pups, Syrup, Cereal	Wednesday - Sandwich or Pepperoni Pizza, Corn on Cob, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Ice Cream, Milk
Thursday - Blueberry Muffin	Jelly, Cereal	Thursday - Fish Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets, Tummys, Lite Potato Salad, Canned Fruit, Cornbread, Crackers, Milk
Friday - Sausage Biscuit	Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger or Turkey Burrito, Mixed Vegetables, French Fries, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

The seniors met at the Mustard Seed Foundation and had a time of fellowship, played games, and enjoyed a lunch. Those present at the luncheon were: Mary Suevey, Dorothy Nell Crayley, Diane Hudson, Mattie Lou Goodson, Margie Smith, Louise Wambles, Rushia Blanden, Frank and Annie McCullough.

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Boys grades 7-12 for the future of America. If you want to join the Boy Scouts of America, then we think that envisions unity, getting along with others, enhanced self-esteem, social skills, wholesome fun, attending church together, touring businesses, and other recreational activities. "THEN WE WANT YOU!!!" Regardless of your race, creed or color. We want you in our club.

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Light of World to hold health fair

Light of the World Ministries, Church of God in Christ, Daleville, AL, announces its benediction.

Announcement: Theme-Preparing the Church to meet the needs of humanity for the 21st Century. (Issues challenging our Association)

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Views from....
THE PRESSBOX
 By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family grew by one last week with the addition on Cintia Nunes, a foreign exchange student from Brazil. Cintia is sixteen-years-old, which puts two teenagers in the house, and even though I haven't really gotten the hang of having one teenage girl, I guess two will be twice the fun, or the headache. Oh well, I've been the only male in the house for years, and now I'm simply outnumbered four-to-one instead of three-to-one!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

***The Elba Tigers opened fall practice last week, and despite the intense heat, had a good opening week of practice. Approximately 35 players made it through the pre-season drills and advanced on to fall practice, and while the number is less than hoped for, the talent level is far from being empty and the players all seem ready to get the season started and ready to begin paying some dividends. It's still early in the 4-7 season. It's way too early to tell, but the players are excited, and that can only help when it comes time to kick off the season in just two weeks.

***Former-Elba Tiger standout Ronald McKinnon continued to pile up the honors last week when he was named to the NCAA Division II "Football Team of the Quarter Century." At first glance it might not seem that big a honor, but when one looks down the list and finds such greats as Walter Payton, Andre Reed, John Stalworth, and Marlon Johnston, it gives it instant credibility. McKinnon was the top vote getter at linebacker, ahead of NFL star Greg Lloyd, which only adds to the honor. Mark my word, one day he will also be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

***Elba High School filled its coaching ranks again last week with the hiring of Marlon Johnston as the new head basketball coach. Johnston is a native of McIntosh, in Southwell, Alabama, and for the past six years has been the coach at Tuscaloosa County High School. The people up in Tuscaloosa County have stated that the new Tiger coach is much more than ready to become a head coach, and will do a fantastic job. The cupboard is far from bare in the Elba basketball program, and if Coach Johnston will just hang around more than a year or two, maybe he can return it into the power it once was not so long ago.

***The Elba High School team is hard at work in preparation for the upcoming season, and it is really great to see all the volunteer coaches and parents willing to give so much of their spare time to help the youngsters learn a little about the sport. This year there appears to be a large number of players on all the teams, which must mean that football is alive and well in Tigertown.

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SPORTS

Elba's McKinnon among Division II honorees

The names of such NFL greats as Walter Payton, John Stalworth, Andre Reed and Greg Lloyd were included among those honored last week on the "NCAA Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century." However, the name of former Elba High School star Ronald McKinnon was also included on the honored list, and was the name area football fans recognized most.

A nationwide panel of current and former sports information directors chose the 34-player team as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Division II championship game.

The players will be honored as part of the pre-game activities at the 25th title game set for December 13, 1997, at Florence, Alabama.

McKinnon, a former All-State performer at Elba High School, was named the Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of the Quarter Century, and in 1995 was the first defensive player to win the coveted Harlon Hill Trophy, as the NCAA

Football Gazette's National Player of the Year in 1994 and 1995, and the Alabama Amateur Athlete of the Year in 1995. He was the first USA Today All-American to post a combined record of 48-5-1, claimed three GSC titles and three NCAA Division II National Championships.

He was also named the Football Gazette's National Player of the Year in 1995, and last season saw significant playing time with the Arizona Cardinals, of the NFL.

Marlon Johnston is picked to head Elba basketball program

Elba High School filled its head basketball coaching vacancy last week when it named Marlon Johnston to lead the Tiger program. Johnston, a native of McIntosh, Alabama, became the sixth head basketball coach over the past eight years at Elba High School.

Johnston, a 1985 graduate of McIntosh High School, attended Acme City High School, Oklahoma, and later graduated from Northeastern State University, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He began his career in education at Tahlequah High School, and for the past six years has been teaching and coaching at Tuscaloosa County High School, in Northport, Alabama.

During his career at Tuscaloosa County High School, a 6A school, Johnston has served as a physical education and driver's education instructor, Coach Johnston will also coach junior high football.

Bass tournament & loads of fun is set for Aug. 30-31

The Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first annual Labor Day Celebration, along with the second annual Jack Wingate Open Team Bass Tournament, on Friday, August 31.

The Jack Wingate Open has a guaranteed purse of \$20,000, with places 1-30 receiving cash prizes. Other activities with the tournament include BBQ on Friday evening and lots of door prizes.

The Labor Day Celebration will kick off Saturday morning with a fun run at 8:00 AM, and will be followed with an inline skate race, casting competition for the kids, pony rides, arts and crafts, and all day entertainment.

The entry fee for the tournament is only \$15 per team, and to enter call 1-800-245-4774.

ESJC to offer swimming and yoga classes

Classes offered at Enterprise State Junior College this fall include:

Beginning Yoga - classes will include exercises to enhance concentration while also improving body flexibility and mind control, and each class will conclude with a deep relaxation exercise.

This class is for any age person. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or quilt to each class.

The course will be taught Tuesday 5:30 - 7 p.m., Sept. 9 - Oct. 14. Registration deadline is Sept. 2 and there is a \$40 fee for the course.

Leisure Swimming - The pool will be available for approximately 24 hours per week. Tentative hours are 11 A.M. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 - Noon Fridays.

Fee for individual participants is \$25 and \$40 for families.

There is registration deadline and participants may sign up at any time during the quarter.

For more information on any of these courses, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

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RB Johnny Bailey *	A & M - Kingsville	1986-89
RB Ronald Moore	Pittsburg State	1989-92
RB Walter Payton	Jackson State	1971-74
WR Andre Reed	Kutztown	1981-84
WR John Stallworth *	Alabama A & M	1970-73
WR Ronnie West	Pittsburg State	1991-92
OL Larry Allen *	Sonoma State	1992-93
OL Earl Dotson	A & M - Kingsville	1991-92
OL Howard Ballard	Alabama A & M	1983-87
OL Mike Favor	North Dakota State	1985-88
OL Grant Feasel	Abilene Christian	1979-82
OL Tyrone McGriff	Florida A & M	1976-79
OL Jon Thompson	North Alabama	1992-95
TE Brent Jones	Santa Clara	1982-85

DEFENSE

DL Harry Carson	South Carolina St.	1971-74
DL Phil Hansen *	North Dakota State	1987-90
DL Pierce Holt	Angelo State	1984-87
DL John Randle	A & M - Kingsville	1988-89
DL Israel Raybon	North Alabama	1992-95
LB Jim Dick	North Dakota State	1982-86
LB Greg Lloyd	Ft. Valley State	1983-86
LB Ronald McKinnon *	North Alabama	1992-95
LB John Mobley	Kutztown	1991-95
LB Donnie Shell	South Carolina St.	1970-73
LB Frank Sheplock	Bloomsburg	1982-85
LB Lee Woodall	West Chester	1989-93
DB Chris Brown	Pittsburg State	1992-95
DB Tom Collins	Indianapolis	1982-85
DB Eric Collins	Jacksonville State	1986-89
DB Darrell Green *	A * M - Kingsville	1981-82
DB Tyrone Pools	Ft. Valley State	1991-94
PK James Knowles	North Alabama	1982-85
P Sean Landeta	Towson State	1979-82
C Coach Bobby Wallace	North Alabama	1988-

(* denotes top vote getter at position)

ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION Recreation Report

Youth football registration now underway in Elba

Registration for boys and girls ages 6-12 who wish to participate in the Youth Football League sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now underway. The league is open to boys and girls ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a player's age on October 1 being the date used to determine eligibility.

A registration fee of \$15 is charged, which will be used to provide jerseys to all players. Equipment rental is also available through the department.

The season will begin on August 30, and will include games on Saturday nights for eight weeks. The Elba teams will compete in the Tri-City Youth Football League along with teams from New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Stratham, Rod Level, Andalusia, Opp, Brantley, Flora and Pleasant Home.

Registration forms are available at City Hall, the Elba Public Pool and at the Recreation Center. For more information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Cheerleader registration is now underway in Elba

Registration for girls and boys ages 6-12 who wish to participate in the Elba Youth Football League as cheerleaders is now underway. The league, which includes both players and cheerleaders, is sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, and includes cheerleader squads for ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. A cheerleader's age on October 1 will determine which league she will cheer in during the current season.

A \$15 registration fee is charged, which will be used to provide all cheerleader uniforms. The cheerleaders will be responsible for purchasing their own uniforms.

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The Oz Of Leadership



(l-r) Elizabeth Strong, Julie Roberson, Laura Crowe, Vaughan Boyd

by Vaughn Boyd

During the week of July 20-24, the officers of the Elba High School Student Government Association were involved in a week of leadership workshops at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Alabama. The Alabama Association of Student Government Association sent a delegation of 10 students to attend the conference.

The workshops and sessions were designed to enhance three very important ingredients of leadership: brains, heart, and courage. Many schools throughout the state attended the conference and there they learned to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Oz of Leadership."

The student council officers are Elizabeth Strong, president; Julie Roberson, vice-president; Laura Crowe, secretary; and Vaughn Boyd, reporter.

Tiger Tales

ANNA HEAD
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Assistant Editor

Elizabeth Strong

Elizabeth Strong is a member of the Elba FFA Chapter, has been selected to serve as reporter for the 1997-98 school year. Her selection to this position was announced during the State FFA Convention.

Liegh Kelley, a member of the Elba FFA Chapter, has been selected to serve as chapter president for the 1997-98 school year. Her selection to this position was announced during the State FFA Convention.

In addition to serving as reporter, Leigh is also involved in many other activities including the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Leigh has participated in softball and volleyball.

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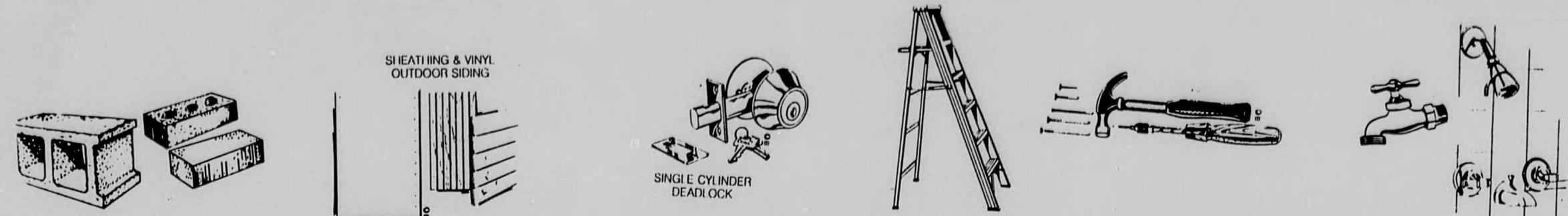
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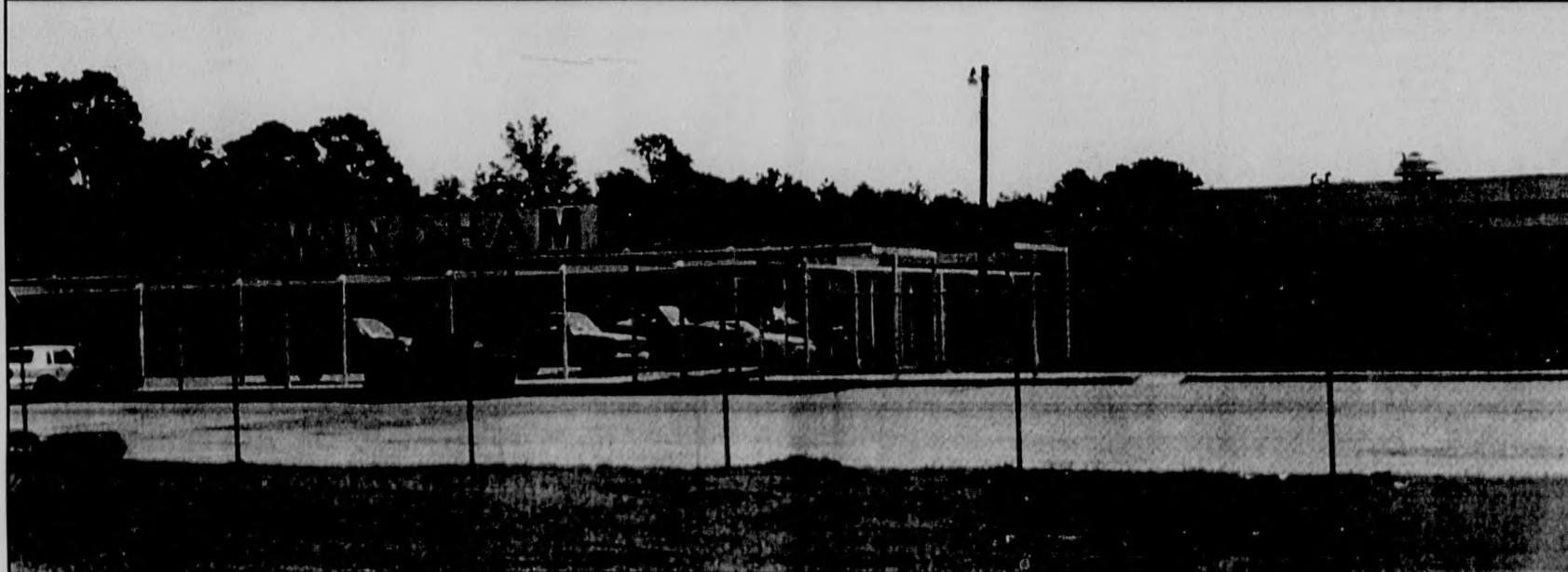
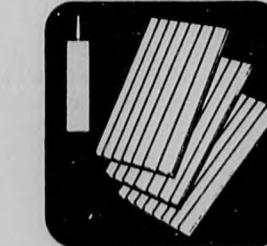
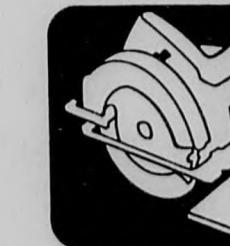
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CITY OF ELBA'S PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALS \$2,166,400.00

Smoking & rental ordinances passed

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City Council followed through with plans and passed a no-smoking ordinance Monday night during regular activities. As previously reported, the ordinance limits smoking in or around any city owned building, etc to designated areas. Violations are punishable by law.

Also passed into law was a new rental tax ordinance, designed to put Elba's tax law in line with those of the State of Alabama. Elba will return to the Alabama Revenue Department as collector of sales taxes, effective October, 1, 1997. For several years Elba has used a private firm to collect sales taxes, however, several incidents of late tax payments not being paid, and no enforcement efforts being made, has prompted the city to revert back to the old standard.

The council decided to have the engineer on the proposed sewer project officially notify the federal agencies furnishing the money that Elba plans to proceed with the project.

Proposed 1997-98 budget for the city totals \$2,166,400. It includes a 2 1/2% pay increase for merit employees and an increase for itemen from \$12.74 per fire to \$13.25 a fire.

Grimes pointed out that he had included no matching money for the long discussed bike path from Bypass to the new school. He said the latest estimates on the cost make the project entirely too expensive.

Elba City School Board hires fires & shuffles personnel

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

In a special called meeting, Elba City School Board hired a new basketball coach, shuffled some lunchroom workers and voted to terminate the employment contract of an elementary teacher.

The board accepted the recommendation of Superintendent Charles Pearce and named Marlon Johnson as head boys basketball coach and driver education teacher. He comes to Elba from Tuscaloosa.

Also, the board voted to hire Johnson's wife as an aide at the ele-

mentary school. She will add additional work in the high school environment. Mrs. Johnson will work on a new project assisting children of migrant workers and developing parenting skills.

Eric Grimes was hired as a full-time busmon worker. She comes from the Troy schools. Also hired full time was Barbara Waldon, who was a part time employee. Pearce said they were working to get all lunchroom workers full time, rather than multiple part-time workers.

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Alabama State Troopers predict 16 will die during Labor Day holiday

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimated 16 people will be killed in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day travel period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, August 29, and ends at midnight Monday, September 1.

In 1996, 12 people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day travel period. Nine of the deaths occurred on rural roads and three in urban areas. At least seven of the deaths were alcohol related.

State troopers expect traffic to be heavy during the last warm-weather route of the year. They urge motorists to drive with caution, using seat belts, securing children in child safety seats and obeying all traffic laws.

Also during the holiday weekend, state troopers will join sheriff and police departments throughout the state in conducting a series of sobriety checkpoints. This crackdown on drunken driving, called "Operation

Zero Tolerance," was initiated during the July Fourth holiday period and resulted in 317 DUI arrests.

All available troopers will be on duty to enforce speed limits and all other traffic laws during the holiday period.

Federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit and DUI enforcement will allow an increase in trooper presence. Aerial speed enforcement will be a part of troopers' speed limit enforcement activity in some parts of the state.

Troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled vacation beach routes, including interstate highways, U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery.

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CLOSE CALL...On Wednesday, August 20, shortly after 3:00 p.m., an automobile driven by Jennifer Newkirk, 16, of Ozark, AL, left the roadway and overturned. She was thrown from the vehicle. A passenger in the car, Lisa Newkirk, 6, of Ozark, AL, remained in the car. Both young ladies are students at Zion Chapel High School & Elementary School and were on their way home from school. The accident occurred on Co. Rd. 215. Both girls were taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. Lisa was treated and released while Jennifer was transferred to a Dothan hospital for further treatment. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers. Assisting at the scene were Coffee County Sheriff's deputies and volunteer firemen from Zion Chapel and Five Star.

ELBA CITY HALL TO CLOSE. The City of Elba will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Standby crews with the street and water & electric department will be available for emergencies. To report these emergencies call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

RESERVE SEATING & PARKING. Reserve seats and one-year reserved parking are now available for Elba High School's home football games in Tiger Stadium. Contact Pam Baker at Elba High School @ 897-2266.

ject but will hold public hearings, or meetings, prior to committing any action.

Representatives of the Elba Rescue Squad expressed concerns to the council about confusion and bad communications. After several minutes of emotional discussion, the council members asked the mayor to get with the rescue squad, police chief and fire chief to see if some kind of code could be once again resolved.

Elba has officially been the dog pound for Coffee County for several years. The pound is located in the city a minimal amount of \$300 a year in service. The council voted Monday evening to continue this for another year, but to increase the fee to \$500, due to the number of dogs the county brings to the local pound.

Unanimous approval was given to purchase half-page ad in the local high school annual at a cost of \$100.



A RIBBON CUTTING took place on Saturday morning at Windham Lumber Company. The old, established Elba company recently moved into new quarters at the former Elba Elementary School on the Troy Highway. On hand to take part in the Chamber of Commerce sponsored event were members of the Windham family, company employees, supplier representatives and many friends and customers. The former school has been ingeniously remodeled into a model of efficiency for the building supply firm.

ATTEMPT MADE TO DISPEL RUMORS OF CLOSING RURAL VOTING HOUSES

Commission meeting brief and to the point

by Marvin McLewain - Editor

Commissioners almost beat their record on holding short meetings with little or no discussion lasting just over thirty minutes.

The agenda was so short that one was not even passed out to members of the news media present.

County Engineer Randy Tindell was first to address the commission and he had some good news.

"We were successful in obtaining extra federal aid funds for the replacement of a bridge over Stanley Mill Creek on Co. Rd. 442," said Tindell.

He requested the commission pass a resolution authorizing the commission chairman to sign the necessary paperwork entering into an agreement with the state for the construction of the bridge.

The bridge and road is located in the Perry Stone Community.

Tindell also asked that he be allowed to send out bid requests on several items that are purchased on an annual basis.

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He called commissioners' attention to two legislative acts dealing with gambling which were discussed during the session.

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interest on deposits. They were: CB&T and SouthTrust - 5.1 percent and 5.7 percent respectively.

Mobley told commissioners that the interest rates on loans are set at 5.1 percent. However, he noted that probably, the rate of interest on deposits was more critical.

He stated that to his knowledge, the county was not planning to borrow any large sums of money next year.

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NEWS BRIEFS

A thief with no conscience stole the U. S. Marine Corps flag from Veterans Memorial Park located on U. S. Hwy. 84E. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for the theft. Call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

Local law enforcement and several volunteers spent several hours searching for a Zion Chapel youth Monday night.

The young man, Jeffrey R. Bowles, 13, was last seen at approximately 5:20 p.m. running into a wooded area west of AL Hwy. 87 near the Jack Post Office. Coffee County Sheriff's deputies, aided by an Alabama State Trooper Helicopter, searched the area for the suspect.

Deputies and volunteers searched the wooded area. The youth finally came out of the woods and went to his grandfather's house. The search ended shortly before midnight.

Assistant District Attorney Steve Blair re-scheduled preliminary hearing for both defendants on Wednesday, August 27, at 3:00 p.m.

Should Jones and Reedy be tried and found guilty of the capital murder, they would face the death penalty.

District Attorney Mark Fuller has indicated that the state will be seeking the death penalty for his actions.